

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State high school athletic programs that truly embody the highest standards of sportsmanship, teamwork, training, and perseverance throughout the competitive season; and

**Whereas**, West Plains High School sponsors a cross country program whose teams have won twenty-three State Titles and forty-two State Trophies since Hall of Fame coach Joe Bill Dixon started the running program thirty years ago; and

**Whereas**, during the past six years, West Plains High School girls cross country teams have won five State Championships, and during the entire history of the program, twelve boys teams and eleven girls teams have reached the top spot in state competition; and

**Whereas**, under the guidance of coach Alicia Gunter, the West Plains High School girls cross country Zizzers again captured First Place in Missouri State High School Activities Association sanctioned competition by earning a score of 74 in the Class 3 state event on November 3, 2007; and

**Whereas**, in her fifth year as a coach, Alicia Gunter previously coached for three years at Moberly High School; and

**Whereas**, Alicia Gunter ran cross country for West Plains High School from 1991 to 1995, took First Place in State during the 1992-1993 school year, and earned All-State honors during 1993-1994; and

**Whereas**, while studying at Oklahoma Christian, Alicia Gunter was named an All-American in 1999 in the marathon event; and

**Whereas**, Alicia Gunter is justifiably proud also to be known as the beloved wife of Wes and loving mother of Jayna, both of whom support and encourage her teaching activities in health and physical education and her additional coaching efforts with middle school basketball:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments of the thirty-year-old West Plains High School cross country program and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon earning the Class 3 State Championship trophy in 2007; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to coach Alicia Gunter of West Plains High School.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Ward Franz  
District No. 151

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker